

## **MINUTES - ADOPTED**

### **Waterworks Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Date:** July 18, 2002  
**Meeting Location:** Offices of the Bedford County Public Service Authority,  
Bedford, Virginia

**Committee Members (or representatives) present:** See the attached attendance log

**Others Present:**

John Capito, VDH  
Ron Conner, VDH  
Mark Tufaro, SCC  
Ed Shaw, DCLS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles Jeckell, Vice Chair; with Robert Taylor acting as Secretary.

The proposed Agenda was adopted as proposed, followed by the following motion:

**MOTION: That all future WAC meeting agenda include the following topics in addition to other standing items; Water Policy, Drought Statue/Update, and Drinking Water Security and Counter Terrorism.**

**Moved by Elmer Handy, seconded by Marsha Parkinson, and adopted by unanimous vote.**

The Minutes of the May 16, 2002, meeting were adopted as presented.

**Chair Report:**

**Charlie Jeckell** expressed Chairman Ray Jackson's regrets at being unable to attend. Also, State Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Stroube expressed his regrets at being unable to participate in this meeting by phone. He would like the opportunity at future meetings. It was noted that Dr. Stroube was no longer the "Acting" State Health Commissioner. His appointment has become permanent since the last meeting of the WAC.

**Charlie Jeckell** asked about the status of the King William Reservoir issue. Bob Taylor responded that there continues to be no word from the COE General.

**Charlie Jeckell** asked for an update on the issue of DDW requiring a PE for TNC plans and specifications. The APELSCA Board has responded that an existing regulatory exemption would apply to these projects under certain circumstances. (See the attached letter.)

**Charlie Jeckell** asked for an update of the Commonwealth's drought status, especially in view of the Governor's Drought Summit the preceding day (July 17, 2002). Bob Taylor summarized the current report of the Drought Monitoring Task Force. (Copy attached.) A general discussion of the drought among various WAC members followed. Highlights of that discussion include:

**Mary Terry** reported that SE/RCAP has been inundated with requests for assistance, and that over 200 Virginia families have lost their home health care services as a result of the drought and the failure of their home well.

**Gary Burner** reported that well drillers are also heavily backlogged with a demand for homeowner replacement wells. He asked that the WAC be given a copy of the any summary report available from VDH on replacement wells during the current drought. (See attached report.) Gary Burner also pointed out that the effects of the last three years of drought on the water table would take years to recover.

**Melvin Collins** expressed concern that the drought was likely to get significantly worse before the WAC's next meeting and that the Governor's call for voluntary conservation may not be strong enough. Melvin Collins also commented that waterworks relying on flowing stream sources were impacted quicker than those with reservoirs.

**Jesse Royall** expressed concern that small waterworks are facing this drought with little guidance or support. He suggested that DDW hold regional meetings with waterworks owners to assist them in identifying potential resources and to share experiences.

At the conclusion of this extended discussion, the WAC members unanimously agreed that they must advise the Commissioner of their concerns with respect to the drought.

**ACTION:** **Mary Terry** will prepare a draft letter to Dr. Stroube for consideration of the WAC. The draft letter will express the WAC's concerns about the drought and specifically urging the Commissioner to: 1) encourage Statewide voluntary conservation; 2) task DDW to provide more emergency planning tools for small waterworks; and 3) begin planning for a Statewide State of Emergency. Mary Terry will have the draft to WAC members by July 25. **Charlie Jeckell** will reconcile member comments and prepare the final letter for the Chair's signature

Charlie Jeckell asked Jesse Royall to present the draft annual report. The WAC members reviewed the draft report extensively, suggesting numerous revisions.

**ACTION:** All members were asked to verify their comments in writing to Jesse Royall by July 31, 2002. Jesse will then have the final 2002 WAC Annual Report with draft transmittal letter prepared by August 15, 2002.

**MOTION:** **That the 2002 Waterworks Advisory Committee Annual Report as revised is approved and should be hand delivered to the State Health Commissioner.**

Approved by unanimous vote of those members in attendance.

#### Federal Legislative Update

Bob Taylor reported that President Bush had just signed into law the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Bill (HR 3448) that among many things mandates that community waterworks serving greater than 3,300 persons conduct security vulnerability assessments and have an emergency response plan. Funding appropriation and the State role in oversight are not clear at this time.

#### State Legislative Update

None

#### VDH Update

The DDW continues to move forward in implementing its strategic plan. **Bob Taylor** reported that recent highlights include receipt of a draft Employee Recognition Program and preliminary approval of a new logo and slogan.

**Mark Anderson** reported via speakerphone that the final report from Jane's has been received. As expected the report highlights many positives and negatives.

**Bob Taylor** reported that response to the implementation by the DCLS of fees for drinking water samples has severely impacted DDW programs and continues to do so. Considerable time has been spent in each of our field offices with some individuals spending as much as 30 % of their time (most Engineers and Inspectors report they spend at least 10 %) on DCLS fee issues. Most pressing have been the issues surrounding getting the right containers to the right location at the right time.

**Bob Taylor** reported that the Transient NonCommunity (TNC) waterworks oversight transition was also well underway. The DCLS Fees are complicating this process due to a number of these waterworks where earlier required sampling, such as when raw water samples, are not documented. In cases where a Groundwater Under Direct Influence (GUDI) must be repeated or done for the first time, the cost can be excessive. Note the earlier comments with respect to PE requirements for certain TNC plans.

#### DCLS Report

**Ed Shaw** reported that between May 13 and May 30, 2002, DCLS sent out 3857 Bacti order letters to waterworks. Even after several attempts at least 500 could not be contacted (mostly TNCs where the proper address was unknown). By June 24, 2002, DCLS had mailed out the Chemistry kit orders.

On June 26, 2002, 150 bacti kits were sent out to the DDW field offices to cover the need for immediate repeat samples. In addition, 5 bacti kits were sent out to each local health department for their use in emergency investigations.

On July 1, 2, & 3, 2002, DCLS received 165 samples using the old kits, all of which were run. DCLS is seeking payment for these samples. Results will be posted regardless of payment status.

A total of 1762 bacti samples had been tested as of July 17, 2002, with 86 being rejected for one reason or another. Ed Shaw noted that **all** rejected samples (for whatever reason) were given free replacement sample kits. This will be DCLS policy until further notice.

Ed Shaw predicted that this new process would take at least 2 or 3 months to smooth out into a "normal" day to day process.

#### SCC Update

**Mark Tufaro** reported that there was not much going on with respect to drinking water. SCC and DEQ are considering a MOU with respect to SB 554 that makes changes to Virginia Code Section 56.46.1 that codifies the respective roles of DEQ and SCC in reviewing certain environmental Impact Statements.

#### DEQ Update

No representative present.

#### DHCD Update

No representative present.

#### VDH Funding Update

No report available at this meeting. An updated report will be available at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** All members asked that the technical reports updating the status of fee collection and DWSRF be included with the meeting announcement package, and that verbal presentations on funding be limited to responding to any questions a WAC member might have.

Future meeting:

The next meeting will be in the Culpeper area, location to be announced.

With no further business, motion was made and unanimously carried to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

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Robert B. Taylor, Substitute Secretary

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Ray Jackson, Chairman

# WATERWORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE REPORT

x = present

o = absent

# = substitute sent

Year: 2002

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Meeting</u>					
		<u>Jan</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Nov</u>
AWWA	Ray A. Jackson	x	x	x	o		
VWWA	Gary F. Burner	x	o	o	x		
CEC	Edwin G. Snyder	x	o	o	o		
Faculty	Gary S. Schaffran	o	o	x	o		
Water Operator Class I	Melvin Collins (started Sept).	x	x	o	x		
VSPE	Charles J. Jeckell	x	x	o	x		
Community Waterworks Owner	Jesse L. Royall, Jr.	x	x	x	x		
NTNC Representative	Robert J. Robinson	o	o	x	x		
VRWA	Elmer Handy (Started in November)	x	x	x	x		
SE/RCAP	Mary Terry	x	x	o	x		
VML	Bob Benninger	x	x	o	o		
VACO	Nelson Reid	x	o	x	x		
Citizen	Marsha Parkinson (Started in November)	x	x	o	x		

## Ex-Offico Members:

Director, Office of Environmental Health Services (VDH)  
Robert W. Hicks

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Director, Div. of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Dept.  
of General Services Representative: Tom York (Substitute: Ed Shaw)

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Director, Division of Drinking Water (VDH)  
Robert B. Taylor (effective Dec. 25, 1999)

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Dept. of Environmental Quality Representative: Larry G. Lawson,  
Director, Office of Water Resource Management

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Dept. of Housing & Community Development Representative:  
Elizabeth Boehringer (effective Jan. 1, 2001)

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State Corporation Commission John Stevens

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VWEF Herb Dawson

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Secretary: Thomas B. Gray

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